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to the Commission**

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Subject: Youth unemployment: EU institutions not offering work-study programmes

Young people have been hit particularly hard by the crisis. Their lack of professional experience, which can sometimes be attributed to inadequate education or training, makes them vulnerable.¹

In November 2018, just over 3.44 million under-25s in the EU – including 2.45 million in the euro area – were unemployed.²

Work-study contracts, however, are becoming increasingly recognised as a good way forward. They give young people the opportunity to get one foot in the door to the professional world, take on real tasks and responsibilities and gain professional experience, and thus acquire core skills and make themselves more employable.³

Parliament has supposedly brought in policies designed to boost skills development and fight youth unemployment. It stresses 'that the dual model of education as well as the acquisition of practical, social and communication skills is of high importance'.⁴

None of the European institutions is offering work-study contracts to young people, however.

Why are the administrative bodies of the EU institutions not offering work-study programmes despite recognising their clear benefits?

When will the Commission resolve the issue and begin offering work-study programmes?

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2013:120:0001:0006:EN:PDF>

² <https://www.touteurope.eu/actualite/le-taux-de-chomage-des-jeunes-en-europe.html>

³ <https://www.alternance.fr/infos-conseils/10-bonnes-raisons-choisir-alternance-388.php>

⁴ European Parliament website: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2016-0008+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>